

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	59.6	59.8	71.9	66.4	69.4	72.9
• Passed 2 subtests	15.0	18.0	14.8	18.3	16.9	15.4
• Passed 1 subtest	13.6	12.1	10.0	9.3	9.2	7.8
• Passed no subtests	11.8	10.2	3.3	5.9	4.5	4.0

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	38.9%	21.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	39.2%	22.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	67.5%	54.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	92.2%	38.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	63.2%	4.3%	
Students without disabilities	93.4%	41.4%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	93.5%	39.3%	
Female	90.8%	38.5%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	86.1%	4.4%	
Hispanic	100.0%	16.7%	
White	97.3%	64.2%	
Other	90.0%	25.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	85.5%	10.0%	
Pay for lunch	96.0%	41.7%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	73.1%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	19.6%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,516	N/A	\$5,871	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 86.9%	90.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	21.3 to 1	N/A	25.9 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,474)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	64.8%	N/A	43.4%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.4%	Up from 92.9%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	7.5%	Up from 6.2%	9.3%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=106)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.0 Days	Down from 7.6	7.1 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.4%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	77.4%	Up from 74.0%	51.2%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	94.3%	Up from 93.3%	84.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.2%	Up from 89.6%	87.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$43,259	Up 6.3%	\$38,972	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 4.5%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	51.0%	N/A	55.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	11.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	49.4%	N/A	61.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	6.4%	Down from 7.7%	9.6%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	33	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	21.0%	Down from 22.4%	10.7%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.1%	Up from 5.3%	11.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	5.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	289	N/A	345	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	17.0%	N/A	27.1%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The tradition of excellence continues at SHS. The Advanced Placement program gives students the opportunity to earn college credit in high school; over 2650 semester hours were earned in 1999 and 2000. In 1990, SHS administered 266 AP exams; last May, we gave 603 exams, the most of any high school in the state. In addition, 74 students were named AP Scholars. Four of the 74 students were named National AP Scholars and one student was named State AP Scholar, one of only two awarded in SC. SHS has had 354 AP Scholars since this program's inception in 1991.

Recent SAT composite scores of 1022 (class of 1999) and 1018 (class of 2000) have been the highest in Spartanburg County and at or above the national average. The class of 2001 has also distinguished itself as follows: (1) 152 seniors earned merit-based scholarships totaling a record \$5.74 million; (2) 12 seniors won the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and all 4 applicants for the Byrd Honors Scholarship were winners – 25% of all the scholarships awarded in the 4th Congressional District; and (3) Seniors earned \$25,000 from "in-house" scholarship funds. Our graduates annually pass about 95% of their first year college courses.

SHS had 15 All-State musicians and 33 students chosen for the region band. The SHS chorus performed at the All Star Choral Festival in Orlando. One art portfolio received a silver award in National Scholastic Art, one of only 131 portfolios selected nationwide. Our Academic Decathlon team has won 7 state titles in the last 8 years. Our Envirothon team is the 2001 state champion and has won the championship 2 of the last 3 years. Four students were finalists in the Rutledge Scholarship competition. Two students won 3 regional scholastic awards. Two students won in the NCTE Achievement Writing Awards. Our athletic department has produced 16 region and 6 state championships in 2 years. Fourteen coaches have been named region coach of the year since 1999.

As the only school in the nation to win the "Blue Ribbon Award" 4 times, SHS will never accept mediocrity; these 2000-01 achievements testify to this fact and to our recent selection as a Flagship School of Promise.

Joe Clarke

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	95.0	70.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0	78.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	75.2	83.6	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 10-1 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,474 Students

### Principal

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### Superintendent

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### Board Chair

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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